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### **\$3.8 Million in Workforce Investment Act Rapid Response Grants will Help Workers Find Jobs**

**SACRAMENTO** – Nineteen local agencies throughout California will receive a total of \$3.8 million to develop innovative Rapid Response programs to help workers find new jobs following large-scale layoffs and plant closings.

“Rapid Response programs provide immediate assistance to workers who are about to be laid-off,” said Victoria Bradshaw, Secretary of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA). “This \$3.8 million will help Rapid Response teams move quickly and efficiently to connect California workers with services and programs that can help them get back to work.”

LWDA’s Employment Development Department (EDD) established Rapid Response Teams to assist both employers and workers. These teams, facilitated through the One-Stop Career Center System, are a cooperative effort of the local Workforce Investment Area and the EDD.

The 19 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) grants – ranging from \$119,300 to \$225,000 – will go primarily to local Workforce Investment Agencies that administer other WIA grants, including retraining and other services for workers who have been laid-off. Most of the 12-month projects will begin in November. The funds come from the state’s dislocated worker portion of the U.S Department of Labor WIA program administered by EDD. A list of the 19 agencies and the amount of individual funding is attached.

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### Rapid Response Special Project Awards

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>
City of Anaheim	\$150,000
City of Long Beach	\$223,691
City of Richmond	\$119,300
Contra Costa County	\$225,000
Foothill WIB	\$225,000
Fresno County WIB	\$225,000
Golden Sierra Job Training Agency	\$190,000
Humboldt County WIB	\$185,000
LA Works	\$225,000
Mendocino County WIB	\$176,000
Napa County WIB	\$223,800
Northern Rural Training & Employment Consortium	\$225,000
Orange County	\$225,000
Sacramento Employment and Training Agency	\$222,033
San Diego Workforce Partnership	\$225,000
Santa Cruz WIB	\$225,000
Solano County WIB	\$135,475
Southeast Los Angeles County WIB	\$225,000
Verdugo WIB	\$150,000
Total	\$3,800,299

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